

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

ITEM

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DECISION

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REAP Public/Private Cost-Sharing Grants

The Department requests Commission approval of the committee recommendations for REAP Public/Private Cost-Sharing Grants. The Project Review and Selection Committee for the REAP Public/Private Cost-Sharing Program met September 24, 2007, to review and score three applications. The committee is administered by Arnie Sohn and members include three from the DNR: Linda Howard, Kevin Szcodronski, Jeff Joens; and three outside the agency: Jon Kruse, Storm Lake, Ducks Unlimited, Margo Underwood, Mason City, Iowa Recycling Association, and Glen Vondra, Adel, Iowa Wild Turkey Federation. A total of \$564,579 is available from the REAP Open Spaces Account to cost share with private entities for the purchase of high-quality natural areas that will become state-owned property. Those entities provide at least 25% of the cost. The three applicants sought REAP funds totaling \$636,960.

The selection committee recommends Commission approval for funding in the ranking, below. The top two projects are recommended to fund fully at \$351,060. Remaining funds at \$213,519 are below the requested \$285,900 by the third grant request, but will be offered on condition the entire project can be completed. If the next ranked project declines funding, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored project (full ranking list attached).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Upper Iowa River Greenbelt, Soenksen property – Acquisition of 26.9 acres in Winneshiek County, 3.5 miles east of Kendallville. Includes more than ½ mile of river frontage surrounded on three sides by DNR and county conservation board property. Completes protection on the entire Chimney Rock loop of the Upper Iowa River. \$95,500
2. Kuehn Family and Stewart additions to the Kuehn Conservation Area of the Raccoon River Greenbelt – Acquisition of 122 acres bringing the conservation area to a total of 732 acres, about 35 miles west of Des Moines. \$255,560
3. Burkhart addition to Little Sioux River Valley and Fen Complex – Acquisition of 160 acres, ½ in remnant prairie and ½ to be reconstructed prairie. \$213,519

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Attachment: REAP Public/Private Cost Share Ranking

REAP Private Cost Share - September 2007 -- \$564,579 available; \$636,960 requested

ID NUMBER	APPLICANT	RANK	TOTAL POINTS	GRANT REQUEST	PROJECT NAME
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1	INHF	1	903.00	\$95,500.00	Soenksen Addition, Upper Iowa River Greenbelt.
2	INHF	2	874.00	\$255,560.00	Kuehn Family and Stewart Additions, Kuehn Conservation Area
3	Nature Conservancy	3	790.00	\$285,900.00	Above 2 to receive full funding, \$213,519 remaining Burkhart Tract Addition to Fen Valley, Little Sioux River Valley